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1. CHILE: REGIME ACTING FORCEFULLY

THE GOVERNMENT'S MASSIVE SHOW OF FORCE HAS SUCCEEDED SO FAR IN KEEPING DEMONSTRATIONS IN CHECK. VIOLENT CONFRONTATIONS MAY OCCUR TODAY, HOWEVER, BECAUSE PROTEST ORGANIZERS PLAN TO TRY TO PARALYZE SANTIAGO'S TRANSIT SYSTEM. SEVERAL BOMBINGS TOOK PLACE LATE MONDAY, INCLUDING ONE NEAR THE PRESIDENTIAL PALACE, BUT SECURITY FORCES VIGOROUSLY SUPPRESSED THE ONLY SIGNIFICANT DEMONSTRATION YESTERDAY. THE GOVERNMENT ALSO HAS ANNOUNCED THAT IT WILL CALL UP MILITARY RESERVES TO FIGHT TERRORISM. STUDENT AGITATORS AND SLUMDWELLERS PROBABLY WILL CHALLENGE SECURITY FORCES

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IN SOME AREAS TODAY

COMMENT IF THE OPPOSITION IS ABLE TO OBSTRUCT THE TRANSIT SYSTEM PARTIALLY AND TO PROMOTE EVEN MODERATE WORK STOPPAGES, THE REGIME WILL BE SEEN AS LOSING FACE. THE SECURITY FORCES ALMOST CERTAINLY WILL REACT HARSHLY IF STUDENTS AND SLUMDWELLERS, WHO OFTEN ARE LED BY RADICAL LEFTISTS, TAKE TO THE STREETS IN LARGE NUMBERS.

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